

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 125. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation and goals of "Hire a Veteran Week" and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals.

H. Con. Res. 347. Concurrent resolution honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 203. An act to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced, to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4472) to protect children, to secure the safety of judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and their family members, to reduce and prevent gang violence, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 854. An act to provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1307. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3082. To amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to small business, memorial affairs, education, and employment programs for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3603. An act to promote the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System lands and other public lands in central Idaho, to designate the Boulder-White Cloud Management Area to ensure the continued management of certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands for recreational and grazing use and conservation and resource protection, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3817. An act to withdraw the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4301. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and

Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4947. An act to expand the boundaries of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5025. An act to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5057. To authorize the Marion Park Project, a Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 125. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation and goals of "Hire a Veteran Week" and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H. Con. Res. 347. Concurrent resolution honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 233. An act to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests and certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, and Napa Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate the Elkhorn Ridge Potential Wilderness Area, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom, Canada, France and Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7634. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to adding a class of certain workers of the Nevada Test Site, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7635. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to adding a class of certain workers of the Pacific Proving Grounds, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7636. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Transformation Act of 2006" received on July 18, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7637. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Premium Filing" (RIN1212-AB02) received on July 17, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7638. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescription Drug Marketing Act Pedigree Requirements; Effective Date and Compliance Policy Guide; Request for Comment" (Doc. No. 1992N-0297, 2006D-0226) received on July 17, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7639. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices; Classification of Olfactory Test Device" (Doc. No. 2006N-0182) received on July 17, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7640. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Exception From General Requirements for Informed Consent" (RIN0910-AC25)(Doc. No. 2003N-0355) received on July 17, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7641. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7642. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7643. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7644. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7645. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-433, "Pedestrian Protection

Bus Safety Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7646. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-434, "Closing of Public Streets and Alleys in Squares 5318, 5319, and 5320 S.O. 04-14199, Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7647. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-435, "Drug Offense Driving Privileges Revocation and Disqualification Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7648. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-436, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2910, S.O. 05-0587, Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7649. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-437, "People First Respectful Language Conforming Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7650. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-438, "People First Respectful Language Modernization Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7651. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-439, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 749, S.O. 00-83, Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7652. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-440, "Official Fruit of the District of Columbia Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7653. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-441, "Washington Stage Guild Tax Exemption Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7654. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-442, "Solid Waste Disposal Fee Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7655. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-444, "Fringe Lot Real Property Exclusive Rights Agreement Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7656. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance Regarding Client Commission Practices Under Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (S7-13-06) received on

July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 5631. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-292).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3508. A bill to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. *Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3720. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve the protection of farm and ranch land; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 3721. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the United States Emergency Management Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 3722. A bill to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3723. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 3724. A bill to enhance scientific research and competitiveness through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 3725. A bill to reduce the disparity in punishment between crack and powder cocaine offenses, to more broadly focus the punishment for drug offenders on the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3726. A bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 3727. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an adjustment to the reduction of Medicare resident positions based on settled cost reports; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. AKAKA, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 3728. A bill to promote nuclear non-proliferation in North Korea; considered and passed.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3729. A bill to provide for the establishment of emergency wildland fire suppression funds; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 3730. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the use of recovery audit contractors under the Medicare Integrity Program with respect to Medicare Secondary Payer claims and activities; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 666

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on